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1. (Examiner Amended) A population of smoking [article] articles having reduced ignition propensity comprising:

a plurality of smoking articles, each smoking article having:

a tobacco column and

a wrapper having a base permeability and surrounding the tobacco column so that the smoking article includes an ignition end and a distal end, the wrapper comprising:

an untreated area and

a least one discrete area treated with a composition comprising a permeability reducing substance initially dissolved in a non-derivatizing solvent mixture initially comprising a solvent and at least one ingredient that as part of the non-derivatizing solvent mixture is a self-association disruptor for the permeability reducing substance to reduce the base permeability so that as a coal of a burning tobacco firecone advances by the treated area, the smoking article self-extinguishes if placed on a surface,

~~[wherein said smoking article is one of a population of a plurality of smoking articles having a reduced ignition propensity, and]~~

wherein said at least one [discrete] discretely treated area [treated] is at least one banded region between the ignition end and the distal end and a distance from the ignition end to the at least one band of each smoking article within said population of said plurality of smoking articles is at least one of sequentially related, randomly related and quasi-randomly related within said population.

4. (Examiner Amended) The population of smoking [article] articles of Claim 1 wherein said population of smoking articles is a package of smoking articles.

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5.(Examiner Amended)The population of smoking [article] articles of Claim 1 wherein said population of smoking articles is a grab sample of smoking articles.

6.(Examiner Amended)The population of smoking [article] articles of Claim 1 wherein the ignition propensity for the population is between about 50 percent and substantially about 100 percent.

7.(Examiner Amended)The population of smoking [article] articles of Claim 1 wherein said at least one discrete area treated is at least two spaced apart banded regions and a distance from the ignition end to at least one band of each smoking article is at least one of sequentially related, randomly related and quasi-randomly related within said population.

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17. (Examiner Amended) A wrapper for surrounding a tobacco column to create a population of a plurality of smoking [article] articles having reduced ignition propensity, each smoking article including [that includes] an ignition end, [and] a distal end and at least one discretely treated banded region between the ignition end and the distal end wherein a distance from the ignition end to the at least one band of each smoking article within said population of said plurality of smoking articles is at least one of sequentially related, randomly related and quasi-randomly related within said population., the wrapper having a base permeability and comprising:

- an untreated area and
- at least one discrete area treated with a permeability reducing substance in an amount equivalent to between about 0.3 micrograms per square millimeter to about 1.2 micrograms per square millimeter of substantially non-derivatized cellulose, said permeability reducing substance applied using a composition comprising said permeability reducing substance initially dissolved in a non-derivatizing solvent mixture initially comprising a solvent and at least one ingredient that as part of the non-derivatizing solvent mixture is a self-association disruptor for the permeability reducing substance to reduce the base permeability so that as a coal of a burning tobacco firecone advances by the treated area, the smoking article self-extinguishes if placed on a surface[, wherein said smoking article is one of a population of a plurality of smoking articles having a reduced ignition propensity, and wherein said at least one discretely treated area is at least one banded region between the ignition end and the distal end and a distance from the ignition end to the at least one band of each smoking article within said population of said plurality of smoking articles is at least one of sequentially related, randomly related and quasi-randomly related within said population].

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52.(Examiner Amended)A population of smoking [artiele] articles having reduced ignition propensity comprising:

a plurality of smoking articles, each smoking article having:

a tobacco column and

a wrapper having a base permeability and surrounding the tobacco column so that the smoking article includes an ignition end and a distal end, the wrapper comprising:

an untreated area and

a least one discrete area treated with a permeability reducing substance in an amount equivalent to between about 0.3 micrograms per square millimeter to about 1.2 micrograms per square millimeter of substantially non-derivatized cellulose, said permeability reducing substance applied using a composition comprising said permeability reducing substance initially dissolved in a non-derivatizing solvent mixture initially comprising a solvent component and at least one ingredient that as part of the non-derivatizing solvent mixture is a self-association disruptor for the permeability reducing substance to reduce the base permeability so that as a coal of a burning tobacco firecone advances by the treated area, the smoking article self-extinguishes if placed on a surface, ~~[wherein said smoking article is one of a population of a plurality of smoking articles having a reduced ignition propensity,]~~

wherein said at least one ~~[discrete]~~ discretely treated area ~~[treated]~~ is at least one banded region between the ignition end and the distal end and a distance from the ignition end to the at least one band of each smoking article within said population of said plurality of smoking articles is at least one of sequentially related, randomly related and quasi-randomly related within said population.

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54.(Examiner Amended)The population of smoking [article] articles of Claim 52 wherein said population of smoking articles is a package of smoking articles.

55.(Examiner Amended) The population of smoking [article] articles of Claim 52 wherein said population of smoking articles is a grab sample of smoking articles.

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132.(Examiner Amended)A method for making a population of smoking [article] articles having reduced ignition propensity comprising:

treating a plurality of discrete areas of a paper having a base permeability with a composition initially comprising a permeability reducing substance initially dissolved in a solvent mixture initially comprising an organic component and at least one ingredient that as part of the solvent mixture is a self-association disruptor for the permeability reducing substance, to form discrete areas having a reduced permeability in an amount equivalent to that obtained with between about 0.3 micrograms per square millimeter to about 1.2 micrograms per square millimeter of substantially non-derivatized cellulose;

and creating
~~surrounding a tobacco [column] with [at least a portion of] the [wrapper] treated paper so as to create a plurality of wrapper-surrounded tobacco columns useable as a plurality of smoking articles, each smoking article including [that] at least one discretely treated area substantially [surrounds] surrounding the tobacco column between the ends of the wrapper-surrounded tobacco column so that as a coal of a burning tobacco firecone advances by said at least one discretely treated area, the smoking article self-extinguishes if left on a surface, [wherein said smoking article is one of a population of a plurality of smoking articles having a reduced ignition propensity, and] wherein said at least one [discrete] discretely treated area [treated] is at least one banded region between the ignition end and the distal end and a distance from the ignition end to the at least one band of each smoking article within said population of said plurality of~~

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smoking articles is at least one of sequentially related, randomly related and quasi-randomly related within said population.

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147. (Examiner Amended) A method for making a wrapper for surrounding a tobacco [column] to create a population of smoking [article] articles, each smoking article including a least one discrete area treated with a composition to reduce a base permeability so that as a coal of a burning tobacco firecone advances by said at least one treated area, the smoking article self-extinguishes, the population of smoking [article] articles thereby having reduced ignition propensity comprising:

treating a plurality of discrete areas of a paper having a base permeability with a composition initially comprising a permeability reducing substance initially dissolved in a solvent mixture initially comprising an organic component and at least one ingredient that as part of the solvent mixture is a self-association disruptor for the permeability reducing substance, drying the discrete areas such that the discrete areas have a reduced permeability in an amount equivalent obtained by applying between about 0.3 micrograms per square millimeter to about 1.2 micrograms per square millimeter of substantially non-derivatized cellulose thereby forming a wrapper, ~~[wherein said smoking article is one of a population of a plurality of smoking articles having a reduced ignition propensity, and]~~ wherein said at least one [discrete] discretely treated area [treated] is at least one banded region between the ignition end and the distal end and a distance from the ignition end to the at least one band of each smoking article within said population of said plurality of smoking articles is at least one of sequentially related, randomly related and quasi-randomly related within said population.

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148.(Examiner Amended)A method for making a population of smoking [article] articles having reduce ignition propensity comprising:

treating a plurality of discrete areas of paper having a base permeability with a composition initially comprising a permeability reducing substance initially dissolved in a solvent mixture initially comprising an organic component and at least one ingredient that as part of the solvent mixture is a self-association disruptor for the permeability reducing substance, to form discrete areas that have a reduced permeability in an amount equivalent to that obtained by applying between about 0.3 micrograms per square millimeter to about 1.2 micrograms per square millimeter of substantially non-derivatized cellulose, thereby forming a wrapper;

Creating
~~as to create~~ surrounding a tobacco [column] with [at least a portion of] the treated paper [wrapper] so
a plurality of wrapper-surrounded tobacco columns including [that] at least one
discretely treated area is found between the ends of the wrapper-surrounded tobacco column so that as a coal of a burning tobacco firecone advances by said at least one treated area, the smoking article self-extinguishes if left on a surface;

adding a filter element to at least one end of each wrapper-surrounded [the wrapper surrounded] tobacco column, [-wherein said smoking article is one of a population of a plurality of smoking articles having a reduced ignition propensity, and-] wherein said at least one [discrete] discretely treated area [treated] is at least one banded region between the ignition end and the distal end and a distance from the ignition end to the at least one band of each smoking article within said population of said plurality of smoking articles is at least one of sequentially related, randomly related and quasi-randomly related within said population.

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151. (Examiner Amended) A cigarette paper for use in making a population of cigarettes
[cigarette] having reduced ignition propensity comprising:

a fibrous paper having a base permeability, an untreated area and a treated area, the treated area being treated with a composition initially comprising a permeability reducing substance initially dissolved in a solvent mixture initially comprising an organic component and at least one ingredient that as part of the solvent mixture is a self-association disruptor for the permeability reducing substance to reduce the base permeability so that when the paper is made into a cigarette that is smoked, as a coal of a burning tobacco firecone advances by the treated area, the cigarette self-extinguishes if placed on a surface, the composition comprising:

a permeability reducing substance present in sufficient quantity to effect the self-extinction; and

a burn rate accelerating substance present in sufficient quantity to cause a smoker's organoleptic experience to be substantially indistinguishable from the organoleptic experience of smoking the untreated area of the cigarette,

~~[wherein said smoking article is one of a population of a plurality of smoking articles having a reduced ignition propensity, and]~~ wherein said treated area is at least one banded region between the ignition end and the distal end and a distance from the ignition end to the at least one band of each [smoking article] cigarette within said population of cigarettes [said plurality of smoking articles] is at least one of sequentially related, randomly related and quasi-randomly related within said population.

Please Add New Claims 152 through 165 as follow:

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152.(New Claim)The cigarette paper of Claim 151 wherein said population of smoking articles is a package of smoking articles.

153.(New Claim)The cigarette paper of Claim 151 wherein said population of smoking articles is a grab sample of smoking articles.

154.(New Claim)The cigarette paper of Claim 151 wherein the ignition propensity for the population is between about 50 percent and substantially about 100 percent.

155.(New Claim)The cigarette paper of Claim 152 wherein said treated area is at least two spaced apart banded regions and a distance from the ignition end to at least one band of each smoking article is at least one of sequentially related, randomly related and quasi-randomly related within said population.

156.(New Claim)The cigarette paper of Claim 151 wherein said distance is sequentially related.

157.(New Claim)The cigarette paper of Claim 151 wherein said distance is randomly related.

158.(New Claim)The cigarette paper of Claim 151 wherein said distance is quasi-randomly related.

159.(New Claim)The cigarette paper of Claim 155 wherein said at least two banded regions are spaced sufficiently to reduce the ignition propensity of the smoking article.

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160.(New Claim)The cigarette paper of Claim 155 wherein said at least two banded regions are spaced sufficiently to facilitate the freeburn of the smoking article.--

--162.(New Claim)The cigarette paper of Claim 155 wherein said at least two banded regions have a width/center-to-center spacing ratio of at least about 1/10 to greater than about 1/1.

163.(New Claim)The cigarette paper of Claim 155 wherein said at least two banded regions have a width of at least about 3 millimeters to about 10 millimeters.

164.(New Claim)The cigarette paper of Claim 155 wherein said at least two banded regions have a center-to-center spacing of about 10 millimeters to about 30 millimeters.

165.(New Claim)The cigarette paper of Claim 155 wherein said at least two banded regions are visually substantially the same as unbanded regions.

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